



# 2021 STATE OF THE CITY



# Agenda

**10 am**

Greeting: ***John-Paul Yates and Angie Whitcomb, Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce***

**10:05 am**

Welcome and Opening Remarks: ***Golden Valley Mayor Shep Harris***

**10:15 am**

Planning for a Better Golden Valley: ***Golden Valley City Manager Tim Cruikshank***

**10:45 am**

Q&A

**10:55 am**

Closing Remarks: ***Mayor Harris***

**11 am**

*Adjourn*



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# All Are Welcome

The City of Golden Valley believes in and stands for the values of social equity, inclusion, and justice.

We embrace diversity and recognize the rights of individuals to live their lives with dignity, free of discrimination, fear, violence, and hate.

We welcome individuals to Golden Valley regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, immigration status, gender, gender identity, marital status, age, disability, economic status, sexual orientation, familial status, or cultural background.

We strive to provide fair and unbiased services and programs, giving opportunities for all.

We are dedicated to being a supportive and united community, strengthened by the diversity of our residents and visitors.





# Our Values

Why And How We Work

Communication

Respect

Community

Innovation

Inclusion

Courage

Integrity

Accountability



# Vision & Mission

## Vision

Golden Valley strives to creatively connect people and places, preserve and enhance community resources, and nurture opportunities for all.

## Mission

The City of Golden Valley delivers high-quality, responsive services to ensure the community remains a vibrant and welcoming environment in which to live, work, and play.

# CORE SERVICES

Brookview Amenities

City Administration

Communications

Economic Development

Elections

Emergency Management

Engineering

Finance

Fire Protection

Human Resources

Information Technology (IT)

Inspections

Legal Services

Motor Vehicle Licensing

Natural Resources Management

Park Maintenance

Parks and Recreation

Permits and Licensing

Planning

Police

Street Maintenance

Utilities Maintenance

Utility Billing

Vehicle Maintenance





# PLANNING FOR A BETTER GOLDEN VALLEY

# Organizational Priorities

## Setting The Stage

Strategic Development & Redevelopment



Effective Governance



Infrastructure Maintenance & Enhancement



Financial Wellness



Community Affairs



# STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT & REDEVELOPMENT





# Top Priority

## Continue HRA Initiatives

### Other Initiatives & Projects

- Downtown Study
- Facilities Study and Task Force
- Continued Developments



# CONTINUE HRA INITIATIVES

2021 City Council Action Step





# Affordable Housing Plan

## **Preserving what we have:**

- Golden Valley supports preserving affordable, safe, and stable housing.

## **Adding more units:**

- Golden Valley has undertaken a number of actions to stimulate construction of new affordable units.



# NOAH Preservation And Tenant Rights Efforts

- Implement 4d tax incentive for existing properties to make improvements but maintain rents.
- Implement three-month tenant protection if new apartment owner.
- Eliminate Crime Free Housing.
- Review Section 8 Housing Ordinance.
- Revamp STAR program. The STAR Program provides education and resources to landlords of multifamily facilities to promote property safety and enhance relationships between landlords and tenants.



# Adding New Units

- Golden Valley legislative priority for Federal and State to provide more tax credits to affordable housing developers
- Building Capacity Project (City-owned property)
- Mixed-income housing policy
- Various zoning efforts (rowhouses, Accessory Dwelling Units)



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2417 Douglas Dr N

**Assigned Address**  
2415 Douglas Dr N

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22,656 sqft

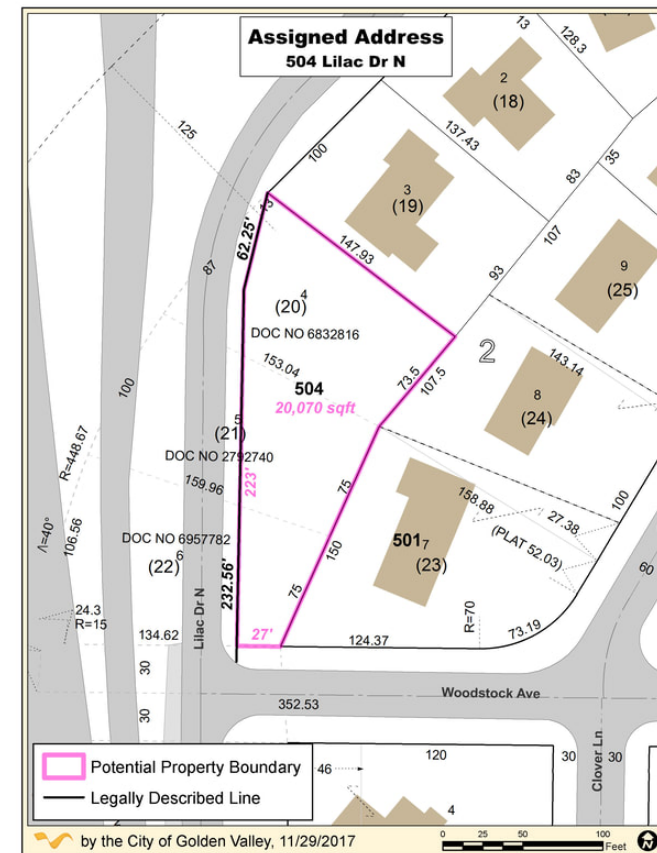
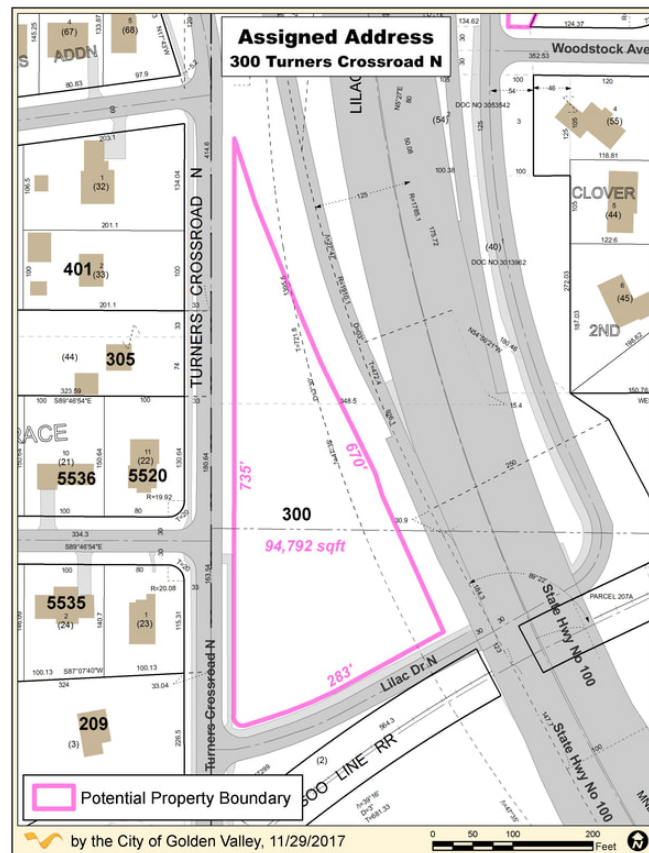
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2422 (93)  
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6150 (3)

Douglas Dr N  
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by the City of Golden Valley, 3/7/2018



# How Will We Do This?

- New HRA Levy
- Hire Housing and Economic Development Manager





# OTHER INITIATIVES & PROJECTS

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# Downtown Study



Concept A

Northwest Quadrant



Concept A

Northeast Quadrant





# City Facilities Study

Building on the downtown plan and the 2016 Fire Services Study, the City is conducting a study to understand and plan for a long-term, phased approach to its building needs, including:

- determining how the facilities can best serve the community
- maximizing opportunities for a future downtown Golden Valley
- managing debt and financing responsibly





# City Facilities Study

The study process includes identifying the City's space needs for its various operations through the facilitation of a community task force and several community engagement events.

A report this summer will outline the City's long-term plan.





# City Facilities Study



Public Safety Building



Vehicle Maintenance Building





# Continued Developments

The Xenia



Global Pointe Senior Living





# Continued **Developments**



## Central Park West



# EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE







# Top Priority

## Consider Establishment of a City of Golden Valley Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

### Other Initiatives & Projects

- New Police Community Commission
- School Resource Officer
- Ranked Choice Voting (Legislative Priority)
- Public Facilities Naming Policy
- Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Joint Powers Agreement
- Updated Leash Law
- Speed Limit Reduction
- Continued Communications Improvements



# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

2021 City Council Action Step

Evaluate the creation of a City of Golden Valley Historic Preservation Commission (HPC).





# OTHER INITIATIVES & PROJECTS

2021 City Council Action Step





# Policing

- Form a new Police Commission out of the work of the Police Commission Task Force.
- Review school Resource Officer program.
- Add embedded 911 social worker.
- Participate in Normandale social worker internship program.
- Continue Community Health Officer program.
- Participate in Brooklynk.



# Local Governance

- Support changes to state statute to allow statutory cities to consider and adopt Ranked Choice Voting.
- Develop policy for naming City assets.





# Local Governance

- Improve partnership with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board.
- Update City leash law.



# Local Governance

- Reduce speed limit on local streets.





# Communications

Increase awareness of government and services through:

- Enhanced community engagement
  - Social media
  - Surveys
  - Outcome reports
- Tighter brand standards
- Accessible information
- New website coming in 2021



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City of Golden Valley



# Communications

- Develop branding and promote programs







# INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE & ENHANCEMENT





# Top Priority

## Continue Transit Initiatives

### Other Initiatives & Projects

- Pavement Management Program
- Water Quality and Flood Control
- Infrastructure Renewal Program  
(expected start date in 2025)



# CONTINUE TRANSIT INITIATIVES

2021 City Council Action Step

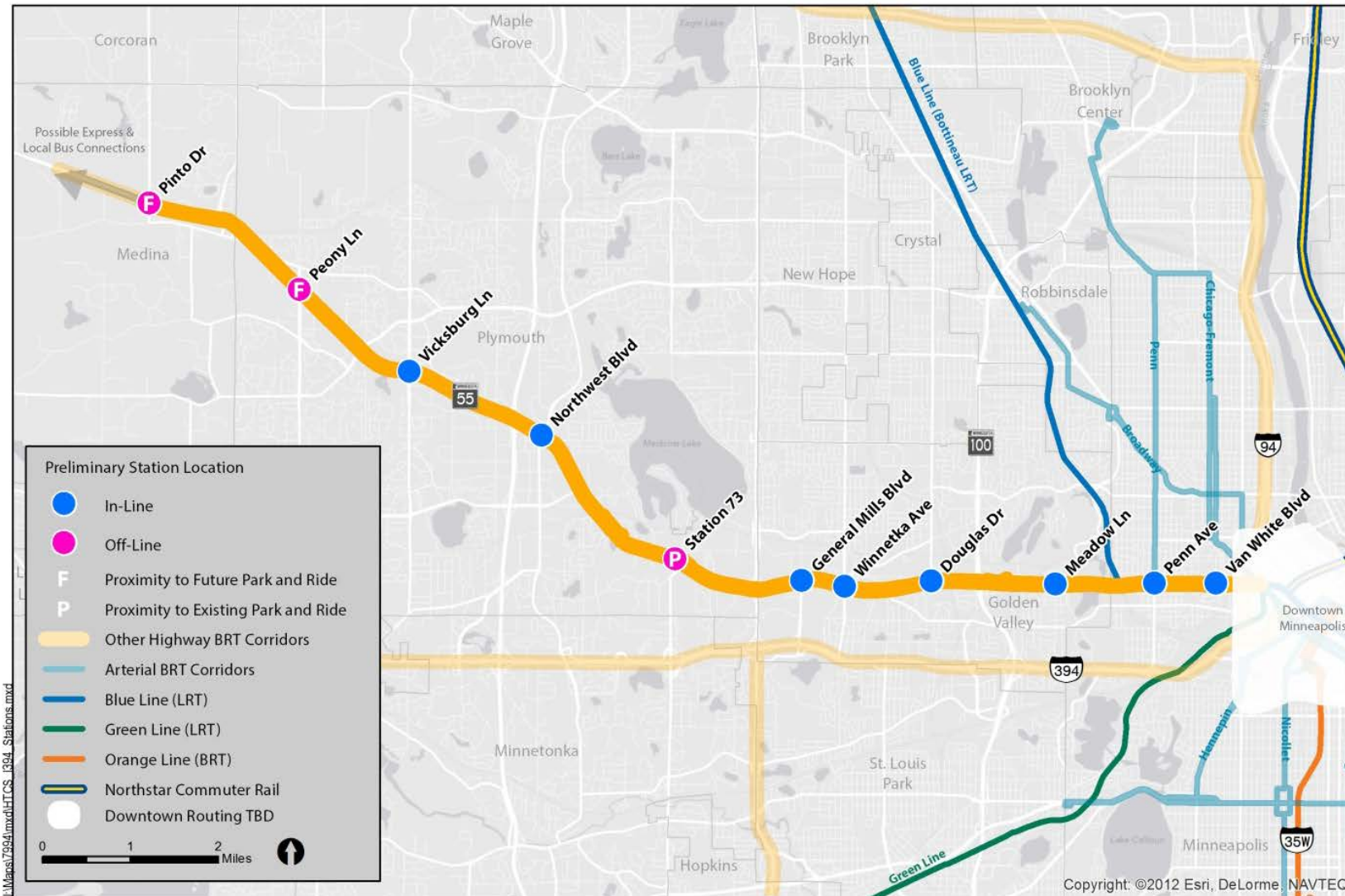
Provide Golden Valley residents with better transit options, including bus rapid transit on Hwy 55, connections to any proposed light rail route, bike lanes, and safer pedestrian crossings.







# Proposed Bus Rapid Transit Route

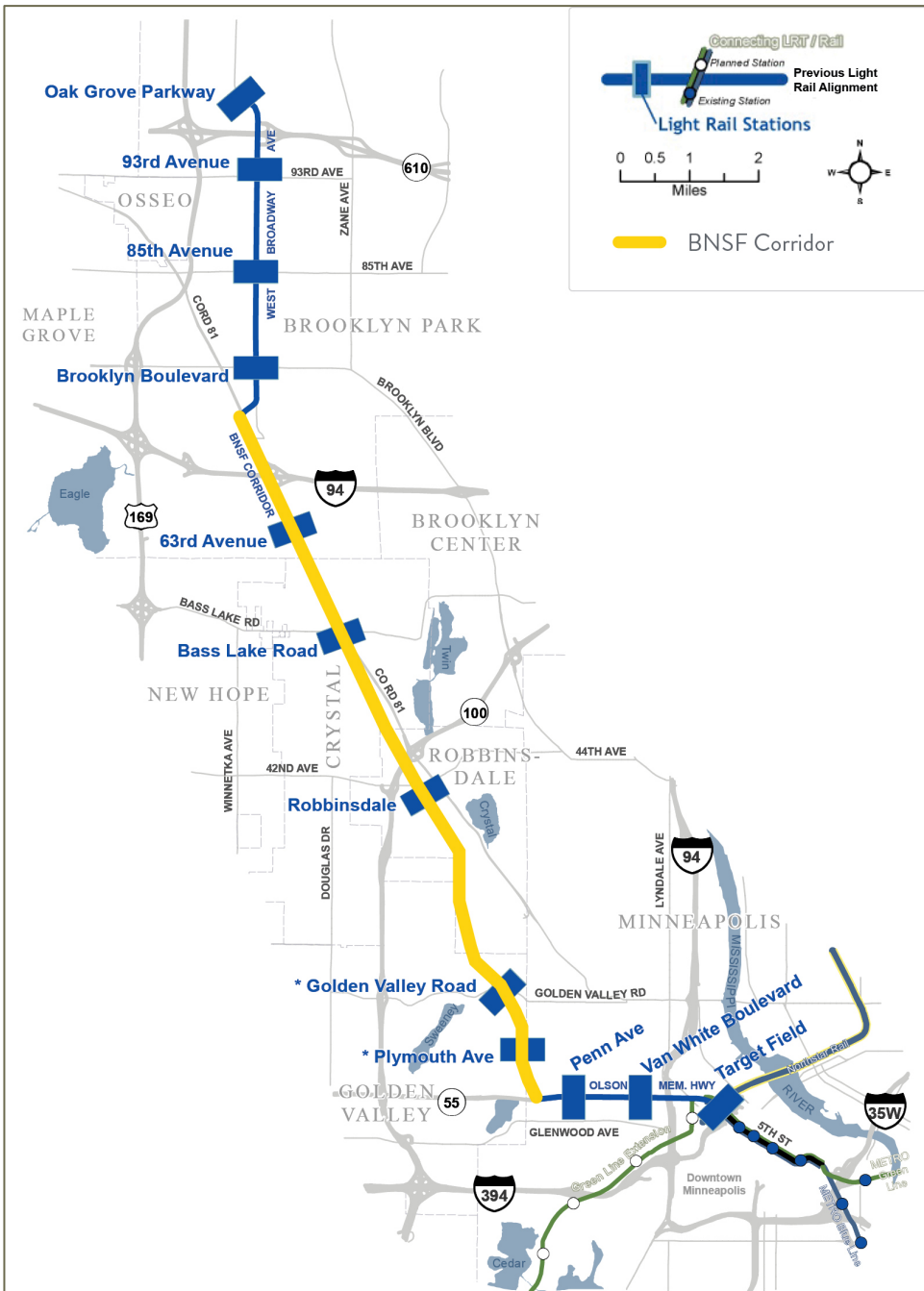






# Light Rail?



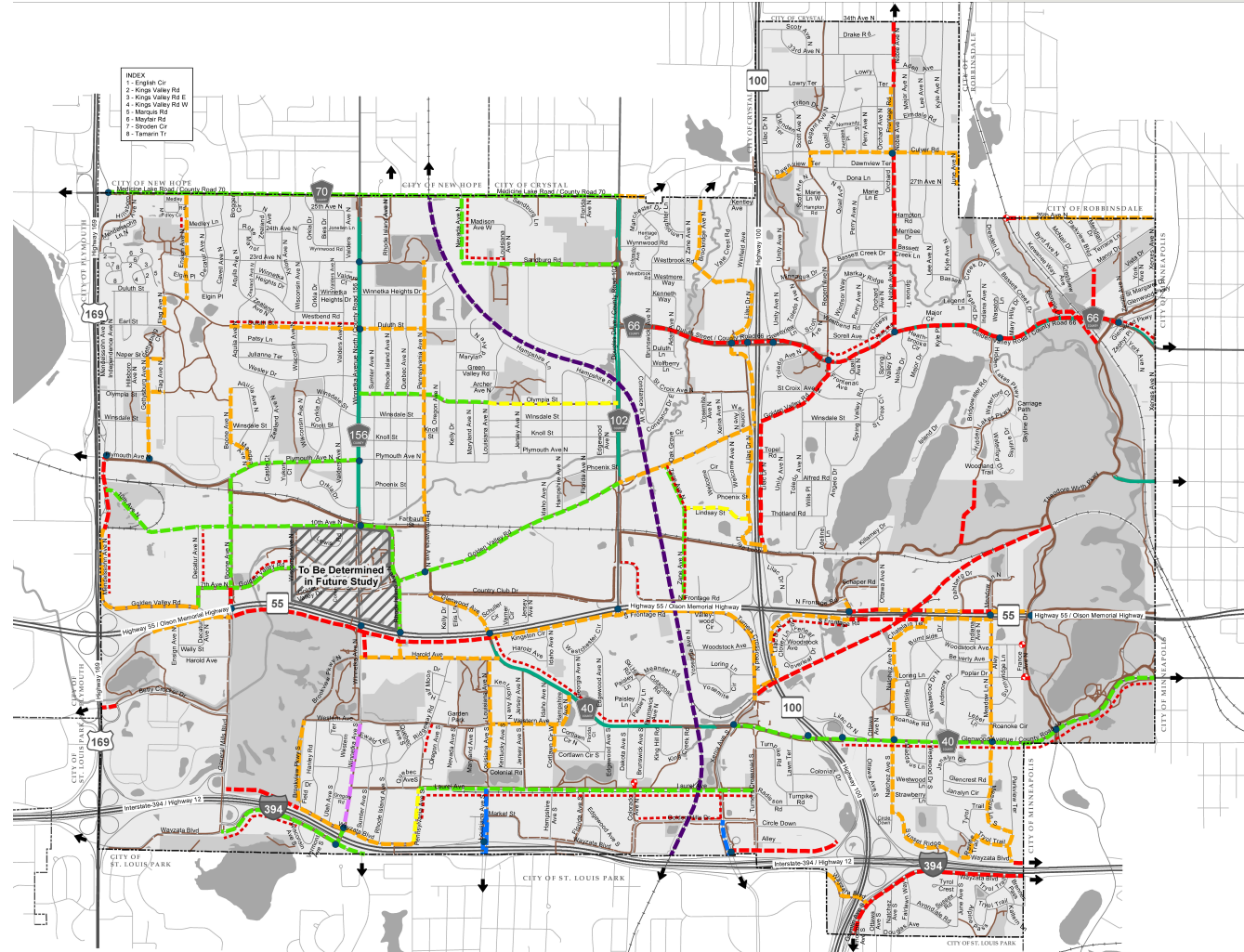


Current BLRT Route – future remains uncertain



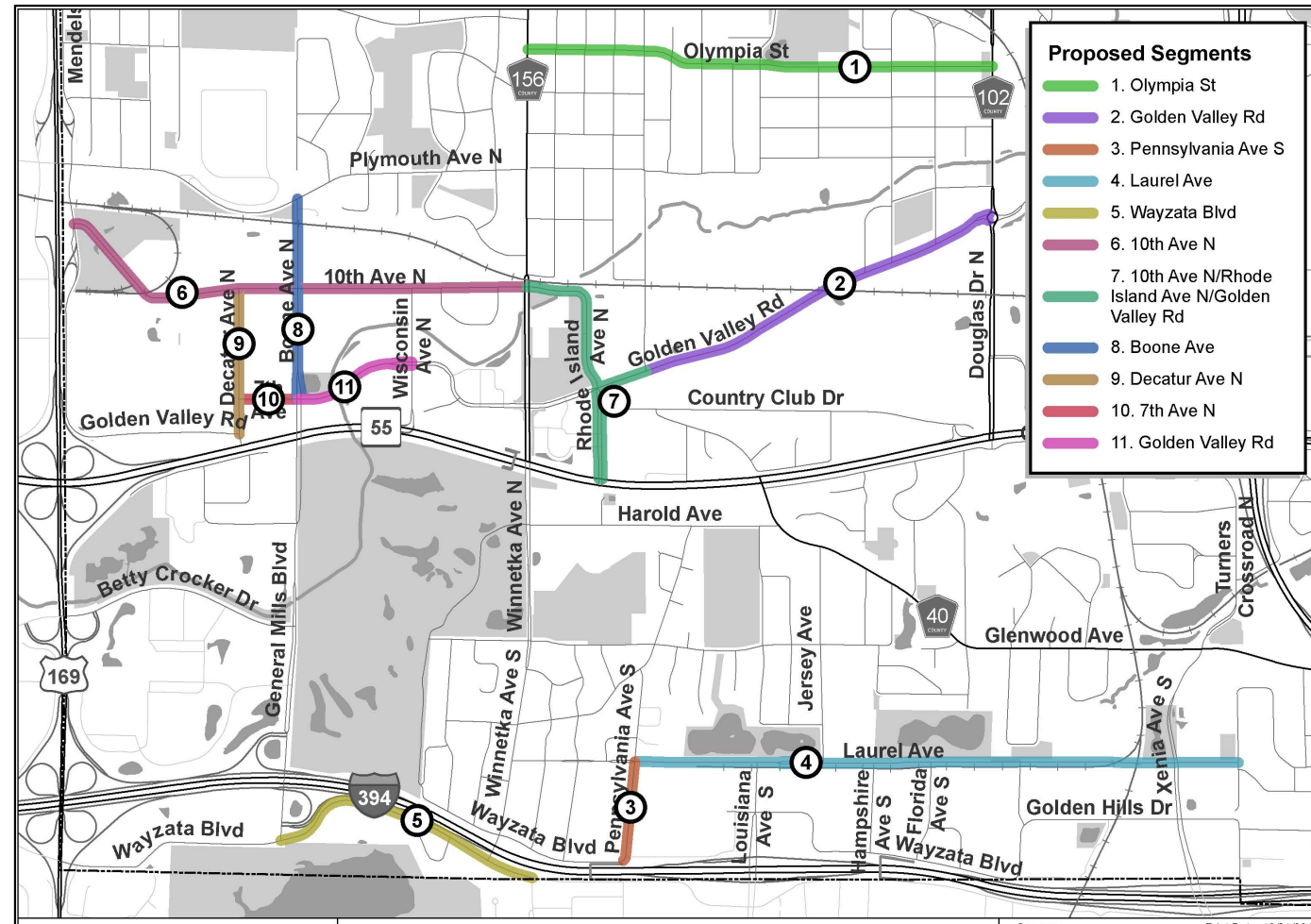
# Bike Lanes

- Overall Bike & Pedestrian Plan



# Bike Lanes

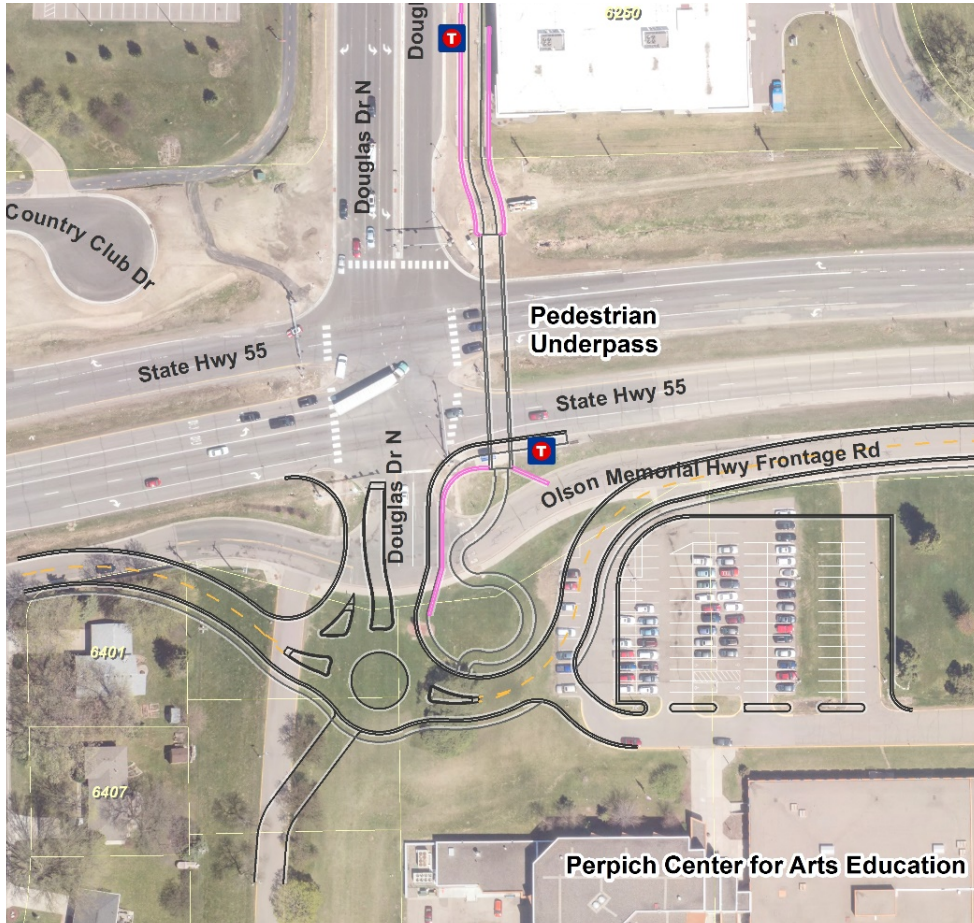
- Bike lanes to be constructed in 2021







# Hwy 55/Douglas Dr Bike And Pedestrian Safety Improvements



Tunnel under  
Hwy 55 to  
connect  
Douglas Drive  
Trail



Roundabout  
on frontage  
road to create  
longer queue  
length





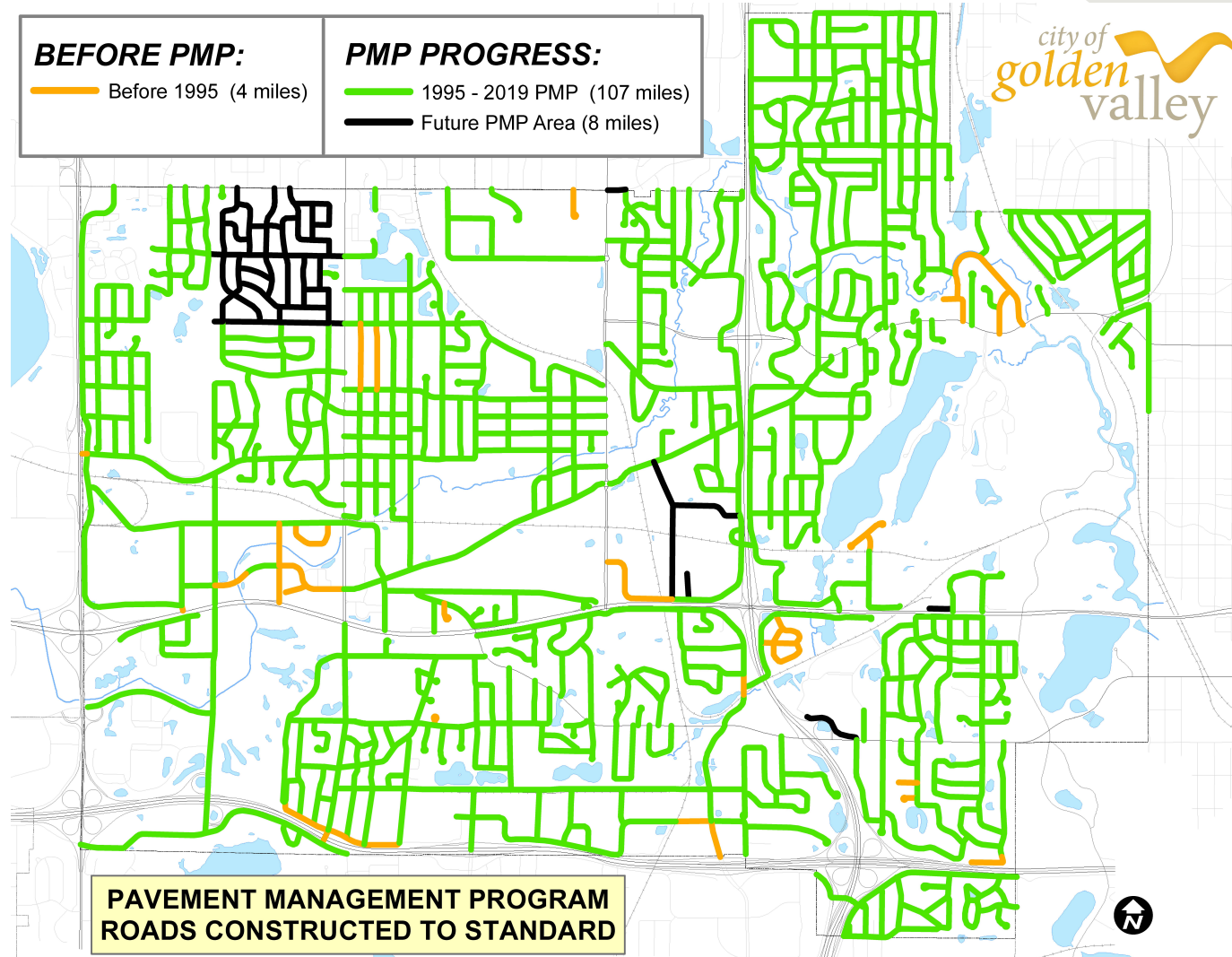
# OTHER INITIATIVES & PROJECTS





# Pavement Management Program

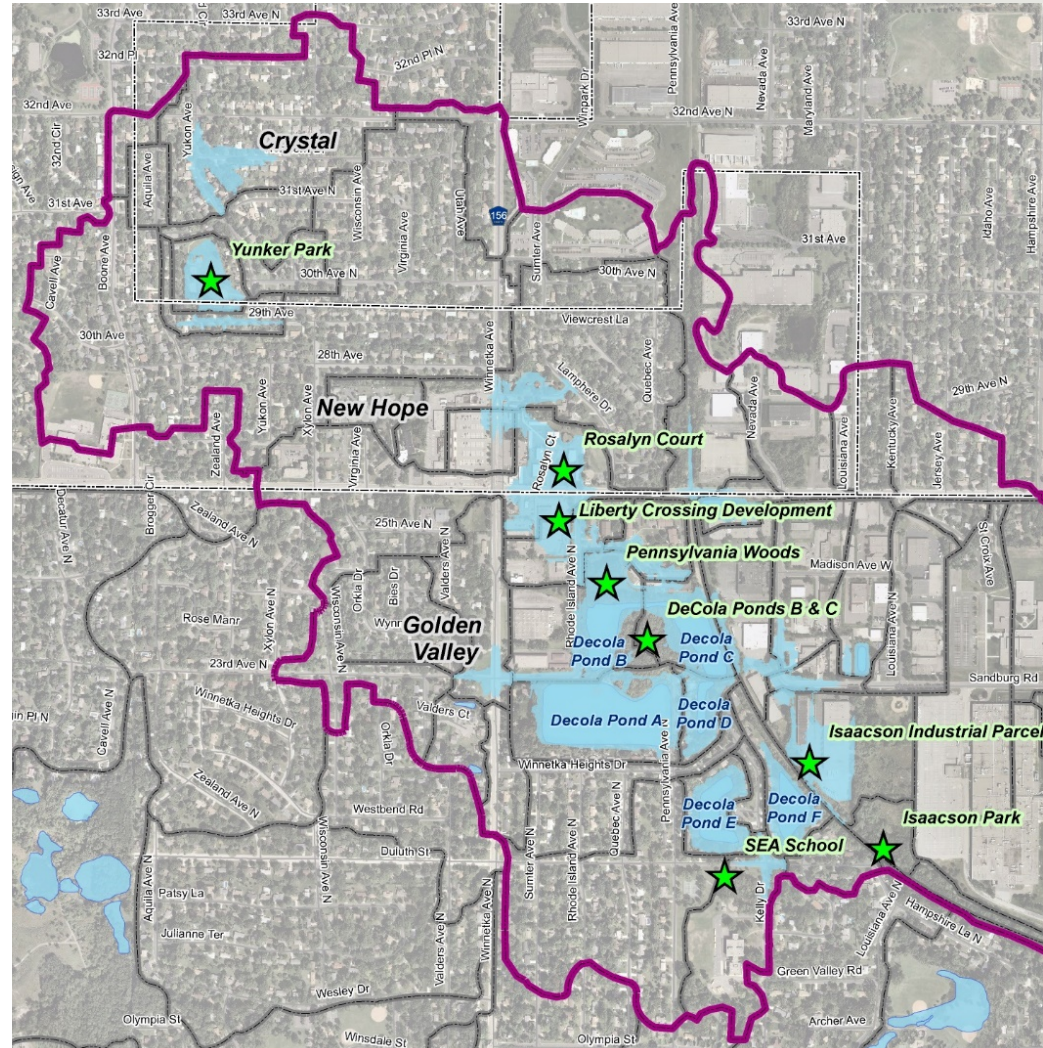
- 2024: Expected completion
- 2025: Expected start of Infrastructure Renewal Program (IRP)
  - 2025: Water & Sewer
  - 2026: Streets





# Water Quality & Flood Control

Golden Valley, Crystal, and New Hope are working to minimize flood-related property damage around the DeCola Ponds and along Medicine Lake Rd near Rhode Island Ave, as well as in a portion of New Hope.







# SEA School/Wildwood Park Flood Reduction Project

Next phase of Medicine Lake Rd/Winnetka Ave Area Long-Term Flood Mitigation Plan will:

- reduce flood levels
- improve water quality and public health and safety
- increase ecological diversity
- enhance wildlife habitat for pollinators
- create educational opportunities for the SEA School



# FINANCIAL WELLNESS







# Top Priority

## Update Infrastructure Renewal Plan

### Other Initiatives & Projects

- Debt Reduction Plan
- Fiscal Disparities Formula Change

# UPDATE INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL PLAN (IRP)

2021 City Council Action Step

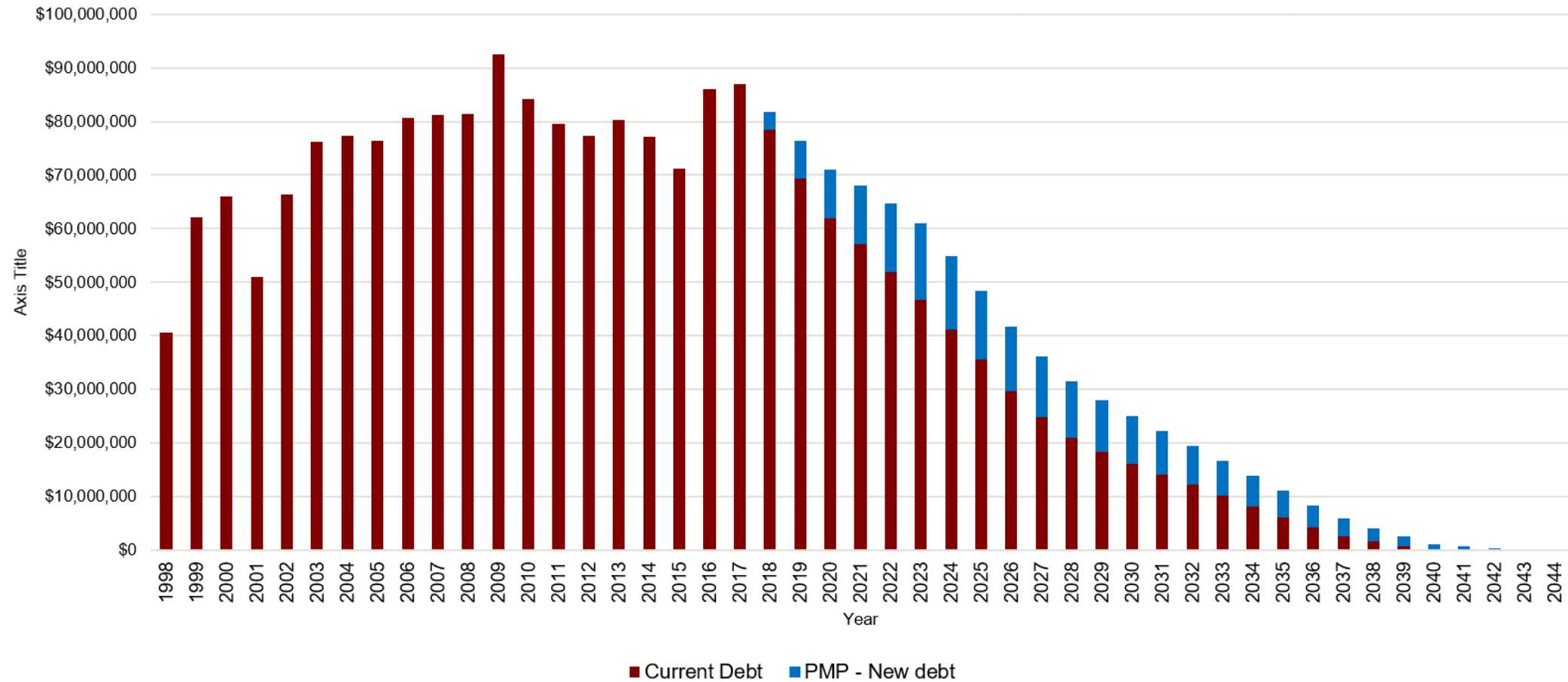
Golden Valley's  
Infrastructure Renewal  
Plan (IRP):

- identifies infrastructure issues
- prioritizes infrastructure projects
- determines financing solutions
- keeps the community viable for the long term





# OTHER INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS



# Fiscal Disparities

- 50-year-old formula reapportions tax capacity from cities with higher tax bases to those with less market value per capita.
- Since 2001, Golden Valley has contributed almost \$40 million.
- Golden Valley is asking the State Legislature to modify the Fiscal Disparities formula.
- The result would an estimated \$18 million for Golden Valley to spend on its needs over next 20 years.







# COMMUNITY AFFAIRS





# Top Priority

Continue Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Initiatives

## Other Initiatives & Projects

- Green Step Cities
- Partners In Energy Task Force
- Organics Collection



# DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION INITIATIVES

## 2021 City Council Action Step

- Hired Diversity and Inclusion Manager
- Continue to implement Rising Tides recommendations
- Transition Rising TIDES Task Force and Human Rights Commission to new Commission
- Continue Just Deeds partnership
- Approve a land acknowledgment statement
- Explore options for socially just banking

**GOLDEN VALLEY**  
**RISING TIDES**

Trust • Inclusion • Diversity • Equity • Social Justice



Human Rights Commission



OTHER INITIATIVES & PROJECTS

# GREEN BUILDING GUIDE



# GreenStep Cities

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency program monitors cities' progress toward sustainability goals.
- Golden Valley is one of 19 cities to achieve Step 4.
- It soon will be one of 14 cities to achieve Step 5.





# Partners In Energy Task Force

- Partners In Energy helps the City move forward in achieving its energy goals and assisting residents and local businesses in reducing energy bills and carbon footprints.



**PARTNERS IN ENERGY**  
An Xcel Energy Community Collaboration



# Organics Collection

- Hennepin County is mandating organics recycling collection starting Jan 1, 2022.
- Golden Valley's community education and engagement efforts in 2019, 2020, and 2021 are preparing residents for the new program.



# FOLLOW GOLDEN VALLEY

## Websites

[goldenvalleymn.gov](http://goldenvalleymn.gov)

[brookviewgoldenvalley.com](http://brookviewgoldenvalley.com)

[brookviewgolf.com](http://brookviewgolf.com)

[brookviewbackyard.com](http://brookviewbackyard.com)

[brookviewthreeonesix.com](http://brookviewthreeonesix.com)

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